



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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**THIS WEEK AT
NOTRE DAME
(HOME GAMES)**

NOTRE DAME TOPS HAMADY IN OVERTIME; CHEER PLACES FIRST AT GROSSE ILE COMPETITION

- Saturday February 12
 - VAR Hockey vs. Anchor Bay 8:15
- Monday February 14
 - Girls JV/VAR Bowling vs. Troy Athens 3:45
 - Boys VAR Bowling vs. Troy Athens 3:45
- Tuesday February 15
 - Girls/Boys VAR Ski MHSAA Regional 9:00
- Girls JV/VAR Basketball vs. Seaholm/New Haven 5:30/7:00
- Wednesday February 16
 - VAR Hockey vs. Port Huron 7:10
- Thursday February 17
 - Girls JV/VAR Bowling vs. DC 3:45
 - Boys VAR Bowling vs. DC 3:45
 - Boys VAR Swim vs. Davison 6:30
 - VAR Hockey vs. Lapeer 8:10

IRISH BEST HAMADY IN OVERTIME ON SENIOR NIGHT

Senior Night proved to be a memorable one as the Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team defeated Flint Hamady in overtime, 63-53. Several family members, friends and classmates were in attendance to recognize the seven seniors on the team, and those seven seniors gave the fans a game to remember. Jack Olis, Jon Risi, Brian Lopez, Alex Scherle, Chris Galle, Evan Noga and Drew Siegner all saw significant minutes in the game and all contributed in the win. The emotions were high to start the game, and the Irish came out and controlled the first quarter, taking a 18-11 lead after eight minutes of play. Much of the second quarter was even and the Irish took a 29-21 lead into half time. The senior class accounted for 26 of the 29 points scored by the Irish in the first half with captain Jon Risi contributing 12 of those points. The Hawks came out in the third quarter and chipped away at the Irish lead slowly but surely. When the fourth quarter started Hamady was only down five points and Hamady took its first lead of the game midway through the quarter. It took a late fourth quarter surge from the Irish to force overtime. Down three points and with the ball, the Irish turned to Risi who hit perhaps the biggest three pointer of the season to tie the game 51-51 with 40 seconds left. Notre Dame relied on its team defense to get a stop at the end of regulation to force overtime. Hamady was no match for the Irish in overtime. The four minute overtime was the best stretch of basketball Notre Dame played for the night as the Irish won the extra frame 12-2. Risi and Olis each had 20 points. Wade Robinson added 11 points and Lopez had seven points.

SWIMMERS HEAD TO OAKLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Notre Dame Boys Swim team sent four individual and relay qualifiers to the Oakland County Championship meet. Pierce Marchese led the way for the Irish with a seventh place finish in the 100 Backstroke to medal with All-County honors. Marchese finished in a time of 54.80, which eclipsed both his season PR by four seconds and his personal PR by nearly two seconds. Anthony Dupuis also added a 25th place finish in the event. The 200 Medley Relay team of Dupuis, Marchese, Edziu Lis and Paul Vigneau placed 19th, dropping seven seconds and only missing a state cut time by two seconds. The 200 Free Relay team made up of John Louis, Marchese, Lis and Vigneau took 22nd while only missing out on a state cut time by under two seconds.

GIRLS, BOYS SKI TAKE SECOND AT DIVISIONAL SLALOM

Both the Notre Dame Girls and Boys Varsity Ski teams placed second at the Pine Knob Divisional Slalom Races. On the girls side, Sydney Schulte took first place overall to lead the Irish in a field that featured 11 teams. Peyton Schindler placed seventh and Claire Kirchner took eight to medal in the event. Amanda Roth added a 21st place finish to add to the scoring effort. For the boys, Teegan McLeod (fourth), Frank Roth (fifth), and Chase Flavin (sixth) all medaled for Notre Dame in a race that included 12 teams. Blake Banninger (43rd) rounded out the Irish scoring.

IRISH DEFEAT ATHENS TO REACH 10-WIN MARK

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team got its 10th win of the season with a convincing road win over Troy Athens 71-48. With the victory, the Irish improved to 5-0 against teams in the OAA Conference. The game was never in doubt as the Irish won every quarter. After the first eight minutes, Notre Dame led 16-10 and built on that lead after each of the final three quarters. The hot shooting trend for the Irish continued as they connected on ten three pointers for the game. Jack Olis set the tone for the Irish in that regard by hitting four three pointers in the first half to help the Irish build a 35-22 halftime lead. Notre Dame had its best offensive output of the game in the third quarter, scoring 21 points. That output, coupled with stellar defense, ballooned the lead to 56-34 after three quarters of play. Sophomore captain Wade Robinson had seven points in the third and senior Alex Scherle had six. Senior captain Jon Risi played the role of the closer for the Irish scoring 10 of his game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter. Olis finished the game with 14 points and Robinson had 12. Seniors Brian Lopez and Scherle each added seven points a piece for the Irish.

CHEER TAKES FIRST AT GROSSE ILE INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Competitive Cheer team led from start-to-finish at the Grosse Ile Invite to claim a first place finish. The Irish scored a 223.40 in round one, a 217.98 in round two and close the day with a 307.70 in round three. Notre Dame finished the day with a total score of 749.08 to best second place Grosse Ile and third place Flat Rock by over 10 points.



Pierce Marchese took seventh in the 100 Backstroke at the Oakland County meet to earn All-County honors.

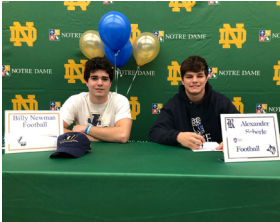




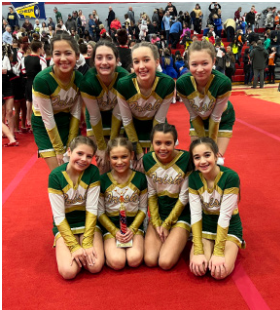
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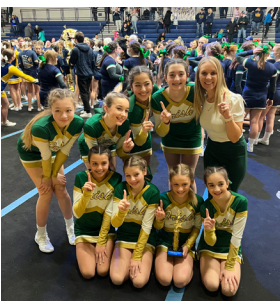
SKI TEAMS TAKE SECOND AT PINE KNOB DIVISIONAL RACE; BOYS SWIM GETS VICTORY OVER AVONDALE



Billy Newman signed to play football at John Carroll University and Alex Scherle signed to play football at Rice



The Notre Dame Middle School Competitive Cheer team earned first place finishes at both the Holly and Oxford Invationals



GIRLS, BOYS SKI TEAMS TAKE SECOND AT DIVISIONAL GS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Ski team finished second among the 11 competing teams at the Pine Knob Divisional Giant Slalom race. Sydney Schulte took first place overall in the race to lead Notre Dame. Claire Kirchner (fifth) and Peyton Schindler (sixth) also medaled in the event. Amanda Roth (16th) added to the scoring for the Irish. The Boys Varsity team also placed second overall in the 12 team event. Chase Flavin took first overall and Teegan McLeod took seventh to medal for Notre Dame. Frank Roth (14th) and CJ Studt (18th) rounded out the scoring for the Irish.

BOYS SWIM GRABS WIN OVER YELLOW JACKETS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team picked up a win over Avondale. Diego Betancourt improved over 16 seconds while Oliver Kugler improved nearly 10 seconds in the 200 Free. Aaron Hall and Jamal Cannon improved over three seconds in the 100 Free. Oliver Kayi, Hunter Pugliese and Cannon showed improved times in the 50 Free while John Louis dropped a remarkable 20 seconds in the 500 Free. Lucas Mazzola improved 11 seconds and Jack Karasek improved nearly nine seconds in the 100 Back while Finnegan Hensen improved six seconds in the 100 Breaststroke.

TWO ATHLETES SIGN NLI

This past week, two Senior student athletes from Notre Dame signed on to play athletics at the college level. Billy Newman signed to play football at John Carroll University and Alex Scherle signed to play football at Rice University. Congratulations to both of these athletes and best of luck as they represent the Irish at the next level.

GIRLS JV TAKES FIRST, BOYS SECOND AT DIVISIONAL

The Notre Dame Girls JV Ski team finished first at the Pine Knob Division race while the Boys team took second. Ella Warner (fourth), Maria Nunning (fifth), Layla Tiberia (ninth) and Alexis Kuyoth (10th) all placed in the top-10 to earn medals and score for the Irish. On the boys side, Blake Banninger (second) and Paul Valentino (fifth) earned medals. Jacob Samuels (15th) and Andrew Brownell (22nd) added to the scoring effort for Notre Dame.

BOYS 8TH GRADE GETS WIN AT EVEREST

The Notre Dame Boys 8th Grade Basketball traveled to Everest Academy looking for their 12th win of the season. The Irish held to the season mantra of “early and often” as they jumped ahead 16-4 on their way to a 19-8 halftime lead. The second half was much like the first as the Irish beat Everest for the second time this season 31-24. Offensively, the Irish had seven players contribute led by Sam Stowe (10 points, three assists), Logan Tuttle (seven points, four rebounds), Bonner Upshaw (six points, four rebounds), Ben Liparoto (three points, two assists), Sami Khouri (three points, two assists) and Lucas Kattula (two points, six rebounds). On the defensive end of the court, Lucas Bigelow, Sam Piechocki and Lucas DiGrande led the way with multiple rebounds, deflections and steals. With the victory, Notre Dame improves to 12-2 on the year and 6-1 in league play.

BOYS 7TH GRADE TAKES CLOSE GAME OVER EVEREST

The Notre Dame Boys 7th Grade Basketball team had to fight until the end to earn a 45-43 win over Everest. The Irish were led by Alec Wernis with 17 points and Coplin Serota and Luciano Ruma, both scoring eight points. Also adding baskets in the win were Max Robin, Max Upshaw and Danny Healy.

QUICK START LIFTS EVEREST OVER GIRLS 5TH GRADE

The Notre Dame 5th Grade Girls Basketball team ran into a buzzsaw as the Irish dropped a 36-8 decision against Everest. The short-handed Irish, who had only seven players available, fell behind 14-0 after the first quarter and were never able to recover. The Irish (2-5-1) did manage to hold Everest to an 8-8 count in the second half. Abby Zanolli led the Irish with four points. Anaya Patel and Brielle Gendreau each added two.

GIRLS 7TH/8TH DROPS GAME TO EVEREST

The Notre Dame Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball team dropped a 22-15 decision at Everest. The Irish came out strong behind a Eurostep layup and three-pointer by Ellie Whalen, who gave her team a 5-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Irish and Mountaineers were deadlocked 9-9 at halftime, with Whalen scoring again and Emma Stowe adding a basket. The third quarter proved to be Notre Dame's undoing, as Everest outscored the Irish 10-2. Notre Dame continued to battle, but ultimately was unable to overcome the deficit. In addition to Whalen and Stowe, Audrey Simon also figured in the scoring column with six points for the Irish (2-6).

